

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

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David called the meeting to order at 5:04p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: David Levy (Interim Chair), Sarah Bishop, Valerie Harris, Gretchen Coppedge, Dana Castano, Kelly Raths, Francine Boulosa

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: Matthew Jobson

Guests: Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney); Diana “Dee” Barron (Teen Advisory Board) , Arianna Leber (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Bridget Esqueda, Kristy Kemper Hodge, Rachel Collins

None.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes were reviewed for January. Sarah moved and Gretchen seconded that minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INFORMATION ITEMS

Teen Services Librarian, Kristy, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members, Diana and Arianna Hart provided an update on recent TAB activities. Two TAB members attended a Family Literacy Night at Lamb Elementary with Kristy from Youth Services.

TAB Report

David shared a report on recent LAB Chair activities.

Chair’s Report

Bridget answered questions from the group regarding the City Librarian’s Report. Francine asked Bridget if there would be one or two summer interns. Bridget shared that Sonja and Kristy were working on a state grant to fund a teen summer intern. Bridget also shared that at this time the city would not be funding these positions and that Sonja would be reaching out to LAB to asking for funding for the other teen interns.

City Librarian’s Report

No report shared at the current meeting.

Friends Report

Sarah shared the report during the discussing item topic Foundation Liaison.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dana Castano and Kelly Raths introduced themselves to the group.

Introduction of new LAB members (David)

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On February 12th, members of the community shared along with library staff shared their feedback on the current library situation with regards to the Budget to city council members.

FY 24 25 Budget for LAB (David)

Sarah shared with LAB a summary of her role as LAB Foundation liaison. Sarah's LAB member term will be ending in June and she will not be renewing her term. Sarah also shared that there is a subcommittee from the Foundation also meeting tonight to discuss next year's Salem Reads.

Foundation Liaison (Sarah)

David asked the group if there were any nomination for LAB chair. Gretchen nominated David as LAB chair. David accepted the nomination and asked if there were any other nominations, there were no other nominations. Valerie seconded. David closed the nominations. All members present voted in favor of David as LAB chair. Motion passed. David opened the nominations for vice chair of LAB. Nominations will remain open until the March meeting where elections for this position will be held. Gretchen nominated Valerie as vice chair and Valerie accepted the nomination.

Elections (Bridget)

Dana had several questions for the group about library funding. She shared that some of her questions were already answered during this meeting. Her additional questions were answered by the group during this segment of the agenda.

Library Funding and Foundation Collaboration (Dana)

ACTION ITEMS

David shared several items he wanted to add the current meeting agenda. Gretchen made a motion to approve them and Sarah seconded.

Adding agenda items

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 5:00 PM, will be held hybrid via the Salem Public Library YouTube channel and at the Salem Public Library Collaboration Studio. The meeting adjourned at 5:52p.m.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant